GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION TO WORKERS OF CLOSED POLLUTING INDUSTRIAL UNITS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Court has not only suggested for closure of polluting industrial units but also suggested for payment of compensation to the affected workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Hon`ble Supreme Court while passing orders in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4677 of 1985 for shifting/closure of 168 units in Delhi, desired that the workmen employed in these 168 industrial units shall be entitled to certain rights and benefits. These include continuity of employment in case of shifting of industries to new location, one year wage as shifting bonus etc. The workmen employed in the industry which fail to relocate shall be paid six year wages as additional compensation.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.